

MOUTH OF THE RIVER

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JONES MOVES ON TO VIRGINIA -SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL



by Nancy Carlson

"I think that I've been able to accomplish a lot of what I wanted to accomplish in the time I've been here," said resigning ORHS Principal Geoff Jones. "The atmosphere at Oyster River is one that promotes learning and I'm really pleased with a number of things that have happened here," continued Jones. After being the

principal at Oyster River for the past five years, Jones has accepted a position as the principal at the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Fairfax County, Virginia. "It was a tough decision for me," said Jones. "Opportunities like this don't come along often, and I would've loved to stay here."

Jones has three goals that he hopes will still be accomplished after he leaves OR. First, there is the need to continue the examination of the facilities so that the facilities at Oyster River can be upgraded to equal the academic program. Secondly, thought must be given to the organizational structure to support learning and instruction. Lastly, Jones feels that more attention needs to be given to the in-the-middle students so there can be more options open

for them.

The school is designed to bring together students with special aptitudes in science, math and technology. "The school is in its third year of operation," said Jones, "it has no tuition; it's entirely public and receives funding from a variety of sources. Students are selected from the results of exams and their previous school transcripts," continued Jones.

This fall the school's enrollment is scheduled to be 1600 students. The school has a nine period day, with classes about the same time length as ours here at OR. Seniors are required to have 25 credits to graduate, among these are 6 years of laboratory science (two classes freshman year and two classes senior year), AP Calculus, and to spend freshman year and all of senior year in a technology lab.



L-R: Jeremy Nobrega, Gina Christenson, Brandie Garrigan, Kim Geeslin, Dave Criswell

DEREK SMITH, ELENI LYRAS REIGN OVER '88 PROM

by Nancy Carlson

Derek Smith and Eleni Lyras were named king and queen of this year's junior-senior prom, held at the Cocheco Country Club in Dover. A local band, the Shifters played at the dance and chose Derek and Eleni as being the best dressed. The band played a song especially for the king and queen to dance to while everyone else watched.

Approximately 99 couples attended the event, held on Friday, May 13th. Junior class advisor Mrs. Tagliaferro chaperoned the dance, along with her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Provencher, Mrs. Grimes, Mr. Neilson, Ms. Hinckley, and her husband, Mr. Carter. Kaplan Photography was on hand to take pictures of those couples

who bought them.

Near the end of the evening, junior class officers Matt Provencher and Rich Matusow handed out red roses to all the senior girls who were present. "Getting the rose was really nice-it was a good idea," said senior Theresa Dolan.

After the prom, most people went to the Tin Palace in Durham for the post prom party which went from 12:00 to 3:00am.

About the prom, sophomore John Gray had this to say, "I had a lot of fun, I think Cocheco was a good place to have the prom." Another sophomore, Missy Tappan also had good things to say about the prom, "I thought the band was much better this year and I had a better time this year than last year."

"Will it come together in time?"

QUOTES AND QUIPS FROM THE CAST AND AUDIENCE OF "OVERTURES"

by Nancy Carlson

Pacific Overtures, the spring musical was held in the Oyster River High School gymnasium on May 6th and 7th. "It was different. The people involved did a very good job, but the play itself was a little confusing," said senior

Pat Duffrey.

The British Admiral, Stacey Samuels, said, "It was fun, you make closer friendships with people you didn't really know, and doing the final performance is always rewarding, but it's not my only reason for doing the play."

"The costumes and

the dancing were incredible!" said senior Diane Madson.

Several cast members had doubts about the outcome because the play was only going on for two nights. "I didn't think it was going to come together but it did in the end," said Dan Carr.



Cast of Pacific Overtures during final scene.

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Russia: The Ultimate Field Trip

by David Elwell

Mr. Alex Herlihy, Social Studies teacher at ORHS, will be leading a group of 18 students and 2 adults (teachers) to 3 cities in the Soviet Union during February vacation next year.

The trip will be to Moscow, Leningrad, and Novgorod, observing the Soviet culture and visiting 2 Soviet schools. This educational experience is a school related function, and Mr. Herlihy describes the Soviet Union as the "ultimate field trip."

The group is made up of 20 people, the students being mostly from his Global Studies class. The size is limited to that being the accepted size of tourist group that can enter more easily. According to Mr. Herlihy, Sean McGovern, a Soviet Education consultant and a teacher at Sanborn Middle School will be scheduling



the trip; as he has led numerous tours to the Soviet Union each year, including the one that

Mr. Herlihy experienced. He knows the society and will help

us to see what other tours would not provide with his exposure and relationship with the people in the Soviet Union."

With his previous encounter to the Soviet Union, Mr. Herlihy hopes to bring the views of the Soviet Union to reality. "Their society is changing, and we have to recognize the separate and different society, but overall we want to get a closer picture of life in the Soviet Union."

Along with visiting 2 schools, the group will tour many major sites, including Red Square, the Kremlin, Herintage, along with other cultural locations and performances.

From this trip, the hope is that the students from the Soviet Union will similarly be able to visit the U.S. in the near future.

TANG TO RETURN TO BEIJING, CHINA

by Mary Beth Ober

Living away from home from 5th to 9th grades would be tough on anyone, but when home is 10,000 miles away, a person can really get homesick.

Helen Tang, a freshman at O.R.H.S., was born and raised in Beijing...the capital of The People's Republic of China, or once pejoratively named "Red" China by anti-communist Americans.

"The thing that I miss most is my friends," said Helen. "Being away from home for close to four years has gone by quickly, but with school getting out soon, I am more anxious than ever to get back to China."

Since 1972, China has re-opened its country to the West, mainly the United States. Once rigidly communist, the Chinese

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As Most Hit the Beaches, A Few Still Hit the Slopes

by Kris Dugas

As the early morning sun filters through the small windows, another day has just begun for the Mt. Washington Mountain Patrol. The crisp 10 degree air finds its way into the small mountain cabin reminding its inhabitants that someone eventually has to shed their

sleeping bag and get up to light the gas heater. Within an hour, the day trip people would be arriving at the base to begin their 2.4 mile hike up the mountain. But for those who spent the night 3,800 ft up, already have an oatmeal breakfast cooking in their minds, or on their gas heated stoves. This is a

typical mountain morning for Mt. Washington ski patrollers Shannon Walsh, Matt Provencher, and Craig Blakemore.

These three OR juniors have been junior ski patrollers at Gunstock for a few years, and this is their second year volunteering at Mt. Washington. The extent of their patrolling, because of school, is limited to weekends and vacations. They usually start out for weekend trips on Friday

afternoon and return the following Sunday night. The Mt. Washington Mountain Patrol is affiliated with the United States Forest Services.

After the morning temperature has risen, those who dare come out into the early mountain air. People begin to wake and crawl out from under 8 relatively small lean-toos, which each can sleep up to 12 people. Small groups huddle around tiny gas heaters or small fires to get as warm as they

can. Inside the private ski patroller's hut the gas heater has boosted the temperature considerably. The three students don't linger around for long, because they have a long day ahead of them. When they finish breakfast, their first chore is to check in with the Forest Rangers to see if any jobs can be done.

As patrollers, their responsibilities include anything that the Rangers might ask

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FEW AT O.R. "JUST SAY NO!"

by Mirielle Davis

Do you feel Oyster River has a drug and alcohol problem? There's no doubt about it, but most schools do. Eighty student were surveyed, 20 from each grade, on 8 questions dealing with drugs and alcohol.

The first question asked if ORHS had a drug and alcohol problems? All the seniors, 17 of 20 juniors, all of the sophomores, and 16 of 20 freshman said there was a problem. The rest said no or that they weren't sure.

One senior said, "It can't be worse than any other school."

The 2nd and 3rd questions asked when, if ever, did you start drinking and do you drink socially or to get drunk?

From all of the classes surveyed only 2 seniors said that they never drink, socially or to get drunk. All of the rest (58) of the students drink socially

and to get drunk.

Most of these 58 students that drink on a regular basis said they started drinking either in 8th grade or freshman year. And there were 3 that said they started in 6th grade.

The 4th question asked: do you drink hard liquor or beer? Most everyone indicated both, and only 2 said 'just beer'. As for the 5th question, do you agree with the drinking age? No one did. Seventy-six thought the legal drinking age should be 16 years old and 14 thought it should be 18.

"If your old enough to drive a car at 16, I think you should be able to drink," said one Junior.

The 6th question asked: do you know of anyone that has an alcohol problem? Five people of 80 students said no. And of the 75 people that said yes they do know people with alcohol problems,

19 said that they knew that ORHS had a problem with alcohol.

Questions 7 and 8 were dealing with drugs other than alcohol. Number 7 was: Have you ever experimented with drugs? And 8 was: name some drugs that you are aware of in use at ORHS.

Twenty-five said no, they had never tried any drugs other than alcohol. And those that said yes, most have tried pot and some have tried opium, coke, hash, and L.S.D..

As for Question 8, people had tried at least 2 and pot was usually one of them. Acid, uppers, cocaine, mushrooms, hash, LSD, opium, and crack.

Does the question need to be asked? It is evident that students at ORHS have problems with alcohol and drugs. Now the question to ask is: What are we going to do about it?

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M.O.R. COUNTY TOUR INCLUDES JAIL

by Bruce Hardy

On a recent field trip the ORHS Journalism class visited the Strafford County facilities including the correctional institution, and the Riverside Rest home, where they met with two of the three county commissioners, George Maglaras and Roland Roberge.

In a meeting with the commissioners a discussion took place about the commissioners stand on the controversial pamphlet "Mutual Caring/Mutual Sharing" in which the two commissioners strongly defended their position on the issue.

"Mutual Caring/Mutual Sharing" is a pamphlet on sexual education put out recently by The Clinic of Dover (A provider of

health and health education to the seacoast). It has caused controversy not only with the commissioners but also with many other various officials around the state. The county has threatened to cut off funds to The Clinic if the pamphlet is not withdrawn.

"The problem we have with the pamphlet," said commissioner Roberge, "is not that they printed controversial material but that The Clinic spent county government funds on it without our approval."

Commissioner Maglaras backed up Roberge saying, "If the clinic had spent funds other than those allotted by Strafford County we would not have a problem with the pamphlet's distribution."

During the meeting the commissioners also expressed much pride in the Strafford County Jail which is one of the top ten correctional facilities in the United States according to the commissioners. Roberge said, "It is one of the only jails to have a work program in which the inmates can learn skills and earn money." The work program is in cooperation with GPS a local electronics firm and according to Maglaras "has been a plus to the jail."

In addition to talking to the commissioners ORHS students also met with the Sheriff, toured

Strafford County Jail, toured Riverside Rest Home, and discussed county government with legal aide Ray Bower.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the article "Does Anyone Want a Rep?" in the last issue of the Mouth of the River. The article indicated that the Junior class was apathetic--that they lacked school spirit and definitely "had a problem."

As junior class advisor for the past three years, I feel that this junior class has shown outstanding class spirit. They have shown their willingness to work hard all year long. This dedication was truly evident at the car wash, the snow fest, the clam slam, the bonfire, the night at the works, the ski-trip, and the prom. The number of juniors involved in every activity was incredibly high.

The fact that initially a junior did not run for school board rep is a different issue. The position of school board rep requires a student to be a politician. He/she represents the students' view point on district issues--but lacks a means of communicating with the student body in this regard, thus making the task somewhat frustrating.

BUT, as said before, this junior class is enthusiastic and committed, and when the votes were cast, the juniors came through, and Bang-Yen Lin, a junior, was elected. Sincerely, Mrs. G. Tagliaferro Junior Class Advisor

Open or Closed Forum? One Parent's Opinion

by Cris Criswell

School boards are required by law to make a choice that can have a significant impact on your growth and preparation for life. It has to do with the kids of groups which students are allowed to create and gather on school grounds under teacher supervision.

"Open forum" means that students can form a group on any matter of common interest--aardvarks to Zoroaster. "Closed forum" means that the group must have some direct connection with the

academic curriculum. For example, you are not free to form a chess club under the closed forum option because chess is not taught within the curriculum. Math, French, Spanish, Drama are, so...

I was disappointed to learn that Oyster River selected the closed forum option, and that the issue around which the decision made was the desire by some of your students to form a Bible Club. The argument runs, I am told, that the Bible Club represents a sectarian

view. However, a women's issues group was allowed to form which represents a particular point of view regarding women in society. (one I agree with I suspect). But I question the fair and equitable application of the closed forum rule.

Furthermore, justification for the closed forum has been to keep out radical groups such as the Moonies or Neo-Nazis. (Frankly, I think folk around here feel more threatened by the Baptists than these fringe groups!) But that's another issue.

The points to be made here are ones of principle and of practice. The larger academic community in which we live and breathe (UNH), at least on a philosophical level, supports the spirit of free speech, open inquiry in the search for truth, and the valuing of differences. In my opinion, closed forum is a radical departure from these values and principles.

On the level of practice, I see the school as a learning lab where you not only learn the 3 R's (plus a

few new ones since my day, i.e. computer science); it also should provide you a significant opportunity to learn about life as it really is outside the very small and homogeneous community which "Our Town(s)" represent. The most unhealthy educational strategy, in my view, is one that promotes sameness and isolates you from the world at large.

If you do not learn, for example, how to deal with difference while you are here at home, how will you handle it when you go away and face these matters for the first time, but on your own? Dealing with them while you are still at home affords you a certain freedom to experiment, test, question, take risks within a supportive "learning" environment.

I would like to challenge the school board to reconsider and reverse its decision on the open/closed forum issue. A public discussion that revisits the educational principles and practices which undergird our community would call us back to the integrity of practicing what we preach/teach.

I believe that if you are given the opportunity to value differences by experimenting with who are not like you, it will make a world of difference in your life. It's the first bold step toward becoming a genuinely educated person and a world citizen.

Besides--the Bible is wonderfully expansive; full of differences in thinking, values, culture, and behavior; and is the fundamental "curriculum" upon which Western Civilization is based. If one cannot find it represented anywhere in the high school curriculum: history, art, literature, philosophy, psychology, (even science)--then which curriculum is deficient?

BEST WISHES TO THE CLASS OF '88

from
Bruce and Irene Bragdon
Kevin and Linda Dugas

and everyone in the Dental Offices

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SENIORS LOOKING BACK

In a daze, we glance at past days

by Dave Mangene and Joe Williams

As we sit and contemplate our future, we feel the need to reflect upon our 720 days in this institution. Regardless of the new tight security around this place, our years have at times been enjoyable, and at times frustrating and downright irritating.

The common feeling among graduating Seniors is elation about leaving, but at the same time, grief about leaving close ties. This editorial is dedicated to all Seniors, and is a reflection on past years at ORHS.

1984-85

Freshman year brought terror, both of the HUGE Upperclassmen, and of the new workload. Many Freshmen spent the first few days accumulating bruises on shoulders, pushing pennies, and holding up walls. This year also saw dropped grades, busted parties on Coe Drive, and the infamous smoking section fights. For a year where the biggest social outing was a dance, it wasn't that bad, and we left in June thinking the worst year was behind us.

1985-86

There's one way to describe Sophomore year, "The second year blues." You no longer encounter the newness of being a Freshman yet you aren't quite an Upperclassman. A few Sophomores got drivers licenses, which provided a transportation to the area hotspots, The Speakeasy, and the Dungeon. As we left ORHS in June (almost July), we looked forward to being upperclassmen.

1986-87

Junior year brought us smiles in anticipation of Upperclass status. It also brought academic worries, knowing that the Junior year is the most important in establishing strong

college credentials. During the year we experienced a hit musical (West Side Story, and a big beach bust afterward). The worlds biggest pain in the ass, S.A.T.'s, and a big hoo-down in Foxborough. We left in June, (again almost July) thinking about our year to rule the school.

1987-1988

Senior year came faster than a bullet, and went by even faster. The beginning brought traumas involving College Applications, Admissions, and Rejections. Once again we were back to the days of penny pushing, bruised shoulders, and holding up walls. The class of '88 wasn't as bad as the class of '85 (be thankful Freshman), however there was a continuance of the Senior Tradition. Senior year brought anger. New lockers, a lack of parking places, the new attendance gestapo, and an end to the 18 year old free departure rule.

Winter brought a festive week of school spirit, at Snively and Lundholm gymnasium. The hockey, and basketball teams, as well as the track team, were the rulers of the Seacoast. The week ended with State Championships for the hoop and track teams.

Spring brought one of the worst diseases in history, Senioritis! We all struggled to make it through what seemed to be meaningless schooling. With our future plans mostly decided, it was time to enjoy ourselves. Senior Follies, Aruba (for those of you that went, #\$\$\$@#??!), Baccalaureate, Worcester, and we can't forget the uniformed men at Tony's and Camp Boracho. As we head into the last few days, we would like to say something to those who run this place, BYE BYE!

Commentary

Nichols not Rehired?

by David Criswell

I was fortunate to have the experience of playing on two state championship teams during my four years at Oyster River: one in soccer in my junior year, and one in basketball in my senior year.

Each one of the championships is an experience that simply cannot be matched, and I am thankful to the coaches who helped lead me and my teammates to these victories. I found it very ironic that a coach could not be rehired after a state championship season. I speak of head basketball coach David Nichols.

When I heard coach Nichols would not be rehired I really had to think. "Why?" I asked myself, "what has he done wrong?"

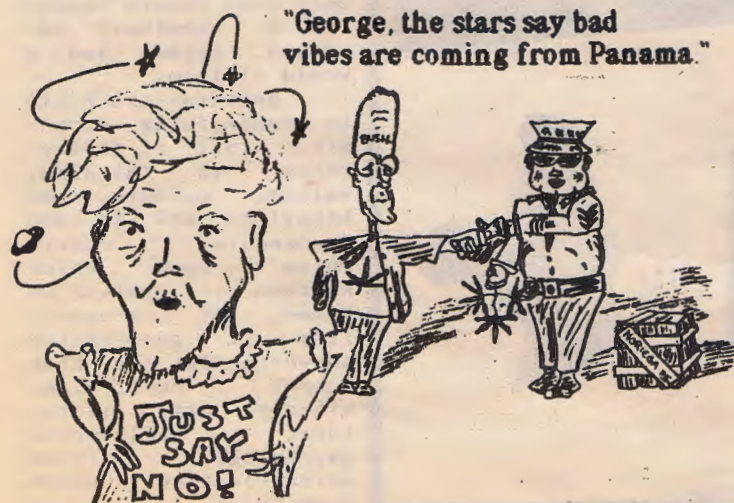
The harder I thought the more confused I got. What more does the administration want? Coach Nichols obviously enjoys the job from what I have seen playing under him for four years. He gets evident enjoyment seeing his kids play well, and is behind them whether the game turns out a win or a loss.

He likes the kids; he can be hard on them, but, there isn't a coach in the world that isn't sometimes hard on his players. The criticism he gives is constructive and not destructive.

Most importantly I feel that he has the desire, and because of this puts out an honest effort while doing his job. If one of coach Nichols' players was putting out an honest effort and playing his heart out, but things aren't going his way, he doesn't punish the individual. Why shouldn't Mr. Nichols receive the same treatment?

Mr. Nichols has been coaching at Oyster River for nine years and in those years has, in my opinion, shown very competent knowledge of coaching the game of basketball and has developed an efficient coaching technique.

He has handled the team in a very professional manner. He has also done a better than adequate job despite the troublesome barriers that stood in the way of Mr. Nichols as well as the rest of the team. On top of this he was able to lead the team to a state championship. I fear the day that someone asks me why Mr. Nichols wasn't rehired after a state championship season, because I am afraid that I will not be able to answer. I will also often wonder if the administration could answer the same question.



Chad's Corner

PEEL PRESSURE:

Don't succumb to it!

(Sung to Twinkle, Twinkle)

If I had a great big engine
No school rules and no detention,
I could peel throughout the day--
Down to my rims wha'd you say?
Peel when you're happy,
Or just blue--
Lock my hubs and I'll peel, too.

Screech! Warping howling squeals billow out of the wheel wells with thick blue smoke. The feeling of peeling--the feeling of power.

Slowly and carefully you pull out of your parking space, look both ways and begin to enter traffic when something catches your eye - a pack of 6 wild hoodlums waving their hands in a circular motion and yelling, "Light 'em up dude! Let's see what it's got!"

Like an Apple II e your brain races, in mere seconds, through rational and irrational thinking that would take most mortals days: Do I feel like peeling out? Am I worried about wearing the tires down-hurting the car? Will I be able to peel to

feel like peeling then fine, but if you don't-well that's all right too.

Some days you just don't feel like closing your locker door by lifting the handle. That's the kind of day you might peel on. If your bad and you've heard the new Van Halen album, you get a positive for the first question, if not, don't even steer for the sand 'cause today isn't your day in the sun.

"Am I worried about wearing down the tires - hurting the car?" As we all know burning rubber dogs isn't good for the 'trany' (we don't want to drop tranny) or any of the bearing. The down side of rippin' raw is quite evident here, peeling out isn't "good" for anything.

Back to the question, are you worried about its "goodness?" That is up to you. It is a personal question, and I do not expect you to answer it any more than I expect you to go fishin' with Crazy Cooter when the trout ain't bitin'.

Who are your "buddies?" What are their expectations? What kind of a show would they put on if they were in your place? These are the

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their expectations? Will someone who shouldn't see me doing this see me? Will everyone watching from the window think I'm a stud?

Either your decision is: "Gravel pits, why not," and you follow with your best effort, or its: "I'll pretend like I'm above that and I really don't know what they want me to do," and you ease on with the gas in an overly slow acceleration - too cool for words.

If one of your

kinds of things you have to consider when answering this question in 0.5 seconds: "Will I be able to peel to their expectations?"

If you're in a Yugo and they peel in Chevy's remember this handy rule of thumb: Cuisinart's are for blending, Lawn-Boy's are for mowing, and 350 Chevy's are for laying down the thickest bed of steel belted hell this side of Detroit.

This last question is in many ways the spoiler. Even if your

Will everyone watching from the windows think I'm a stud?

responses to questions was negative towards peeling, then as far as you're concerned there is no reason for peeling out. If on the other hand they were all positive, and in favor of the action, then by all means, let the mud fly all over the crabapple tree.

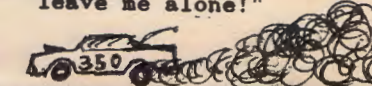
Let us now look at each question closely and discuss what various cranium go through in milliseconds.

The first question: "Do I feel like peeling out?" This is probably the most important question. Don't be peel-pressured. If you

responses had been positive towards peeling thus far there is such a thing as the "wrong time."

Even Bo and Luke Duke themselves would refrain from sending the General spinning sideways if Sheriff Roscoe P. Coltrane was standing right there.

But if the time is right and you got willing horses, remember what Crazy Cooter said on a cool July eve in 1978, "Light up or leave me alone!"



Taubes in Photo Finish, Ranking 1+2 for 1988



by Tawny Weeks
and Lynn Schow

A mere 1/100 of a point separates this year's valedictorian and salutatorian. (3.98, 3.97). 18 years ago, three minutes separated their entrance into the world. In both cases, Seth Taube was first, but for all intents and purposes, Seth and Brook Taube are indeed identical.

This year Seth was president of the senior

class while Brook was president of the Student Council. Both were actively involved in drama and chorale, Math Team, French Club, and Mu Alpha Theta.

Brook said that academics and activities were equally important to them. "Music and soccer are as important as the academics."

Each is going to Harvard; each will be in the college of arts and sciences; each is athletic, and musical, and outgoing, and yes, smart.

Yet no two people are entirely alike. Seth is stronger in tennis. Brook is stronger in basketball.

Another activity of great importance to the Taubes is their music. Seth has been playing the violin for 12 years, now while Brook moved on to the viola. Both are playing with the New England Conservatory Youth Orchestra in Boston.

Brook does not mind that Seth's GPA is 1/100 of a point higher. "We don't compete. We perform on self-motivation, not competition."

In ten years Seth sees himself as a real

estate developer. "I want to have a tower in Manhattan that casts a shadow over the Trump Plaza at dusk," he said with a laugh.

Brook simply stated that he would like "to be happy and successful."

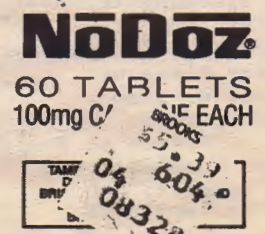
Both of the Taubes had the opportunity to attend private school, but decided against it. According to Seth, "I was glad I had the opportunity to get to a

private school, but in retrospect, deciding to stay at O.R. was one of the best things in my life, socially, academically, musically, and extracurricularly."

(L to R): Seth Taube.

Brook and Seth Taube

(soon-to-be scholars),
and Brook Taube



PARTING SHOTS

On Oyster River:

"Oyster River's a great school, no matter what they say. I moved here, and I know."

-Patrik Jonsson

"I have found my Spanish and French classes very rewarding, but I feel that Mrs. Whaley's class in Women's Literature has been the most interesting and illuminating."

-Julie Roy

"I can't wait to leave a place where everyone knows everyone else."

-Dave Nader

"I'm very, very, very excited about getting out of this place where too many people have closed minds, and narrow attitudes."

-Dave Mangene

To Underclassmen:

"There aren't enough hours in the day, so be prepared to work all night."

-Diana Hartley

"To the class of 1989, Have fun!"

-Tawny Weeks

"Start planning for college early."

-Suzie Weiner

"To the upcoming seniors, no matter how hard your parents are on you, remember, it's free rent, free food, and it's better to have them with you than against you."

-Amanda Turner

"Students: beware Senioritis."

-Dave Sundberg

"I think that underclassman should plan more activities together."

-Michelle Twombly

"Good luck to all future OR graduates. Enjoy all our school can offer you, for now and in the future."

-Mel Morrell

"Well, I'm glad my high school career is coming to an end. Onto bigger and brighter things. Underclassman, enjoy it while you can."

-Diane Madson

"Keep up the hard work-your day will come."

-Eleni Lyras

"I think it is really important, so start preparing for your future early. You don't actually realize how fast the time goes until your senior year."

-Alyssa Campbell

"I hope everyone has as much will to live, love, and be happy as I do!"

-Rain Williams

"Get involved in senior follies. It's the best and worst thing that can happen to you."

-Laura Mussulman

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WE AH OWTTA
HEAH!

by Chris Webb

According to many people, Senior Follies 88 was a big hit. The seniors took the stage Thursday and Friday night, the 19th and 20th of May, bringing down the house with hilarious and talented skits.

"There was very few take-offs, it was more the seniors showing talent. I was really impressed!"

commented Steve Denson

The seniors really showed their musical talent because thirteen of the thirty three skits were songs including Rocky Raccoon, which brought the crowd clapping on Friday night. Others were, "Coe Drive," "Adept in The Finer Things," "Happy Trails," "Lollipop," "Rawhide," and "Katarina."

"Everything went smooth and organized, people took responsibility and got on stage and did a great job. I'm really happy with the performance," said co-director Jeff Carlson.

"On Thursday night, The last song, Three Little Birds, was not organized and no one had the words, it was a disaster. But on Friday everyone had the words on paper and the background music of Nevada made it sound excellent," said co-

director Crissy Curran. The response from students were also very

"Simply delicious!"

--Siskel & Ebert

positive, "I enjoyed watching all the seniors try to ham it up as much and as well as they know how. They really showed off their individual talent in acting," commented junior Tracey White.

"There were a lot of inside jokes that parents may not have understood, but I thought the seniors were hilarious and did a great job of entertaining the audience," said sophomore Kristen Miller.

"After it was over, I told everyone that I wished we could get together more as a class because I had the best time getting to

know and laugh with kids I didn't really know before," said senior Elise Emery-Adam.

"The seniors showed exceptional behavior as compared to previous years, there was no problem with drinking or smoking. They were very cooperative at all times and in general accepted advice from their advisors," said Ms. Smith.

"After going through years of Senior Follies it's really sad to know that ours is history and I hope it's remembered as one of the best!" said senior Ian Young.



(L to R): Nathan Klippenstien, Bruce Hardy, Rick Mills, Dave Nadar, Kit Peirce, and Chris-Jon Lindsay (on ground) in "Hunna Hunna"

..AFTER O.K.?

by Lynn Schow

After many hours of searching for all of the seniors who didn't return their surveys, this is the list I compiled. No complaints to me if you changed your mind about where you were going, please!

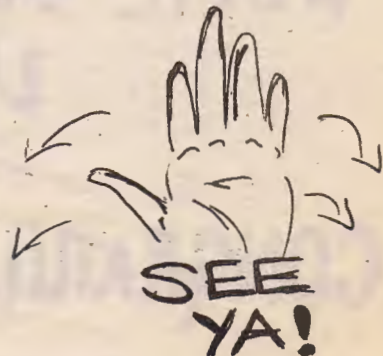
David Adams: Auburn
 Bill Anderson: Undecided
 Pieter Beckman: UNH
 Dave Bergeron: Middlebury
 Heather Bergeron: UNH
 Lisa Bergeron: working
 Kelli Bishop: Quinnipiac
 Dave Bissonnette: East Carolina St.
 Greg Blanchard: working
 Bethany Blessing: Quinnipiac
 Todd Bragdon: U. of Colorado at Boulder
 Alyssa Campbell: UNH
 Eric Carkner: UNH
 Jeff Carlson: UNH
 Nancy Carlson: UNH
 Matt Carrico: Northeastern
 Yesim Celikkol: Columbia
 Evan Christenson: UNH
 Scott Collins: UNH
 Karen Comeau: Thompson School at UNH
 Peter Conklin: UNH
 Kristi Cowern: UNH
 Dave Criswell: Western Maryland
 Crissy Curran: Fashion Institute of Tech.
 Rena Danko: U. of Bridgeport
 Elyane Davis: UNH
 Marc Davis: college, undecided
 John Diller: U. of Cal. at Santa Cruz
 Theresa Dolan: UNH
 Tamar Doran: work
 Pat Duffey: UNH
 Sam Dufour: U. of Houston
 Kris Dugas: UVM
 James Eastman: Army, working, traveling
 Amy Eckert: Mass. Art
 Dave Elwell: Northeastern
 Elise Emery-Adam: Halifax
 Marc Evergam: Strafford Tech. for Automotive
 Sandy Farrell: UNH
 Matt Felix: Allegheny
 Peter Fitzgerald: BC
 Lynn Foster: work
 John Freiermuth: St. Anslem's
 Steve Fuller: Notre Dame
 Adam Ginsburg: Washington University
 Heather Gleason: Air Reserves and work
 Missy Goding: Mississippi State University
 Ray Goodman: U. of N. Colorado
 Brian Grondin: UNH
 Mark Gwinn: Bates
 Breck Haggerty: Ports. Academy of Performing Arts
 Julie Ham: working
 Michelle Hanley: UNH
 Ann Hardy: work, and UNH part-time
 Bruce Hardy: Syracuse
 Pele Harris: UNH
 Richie Harris: UNH
 Diana Hartley: Duquesne University
 Elizabeth Healy: Plymouth

SENIORS



SELECTION

Sylvia Herr: College, undecided
 Charlie Hogarty: U. of Arizona
 Dan Hornbeck: UNH
 Shannon James: working
 Mike Jedicke: UNH
 Michelle Jenkins: work
 Patrik Jonsson: work, writing
 Jennifer Judge: college, undecided
 Randy Kish: work for year, then college
 Nathan Klippenstein: Babson
 Jamie Knapp: Sarah Lawrence
 Budd Lapham: work
 David Lapierre: BC
 Rob Lee: working and traveling
 John Libby: UNH
 Cris-Jon Lindsay: Tennessee Tech.
 Eleni Lyras: Smith
 Diane Madson: U. of Maine at Farmington
 Dave Mangene: U. of N. Colorado
 Derek Marich: UNH partime, work
 Jenn Martin: Leslie College
 Rich Martin: Rutgers
 Debbie Metzger: UNH
 Rick Mills: Widener
 Mike Moriarty: Vt. Arch. Tech. College
 Melanie Morrell: Virginia Tech.
 Cindy Munroe: working, then college
 Laura Mussulman: UNC at Greensboro
 Dave Nader: U. of Michigan
 Tony Paine: UNH
 Kit Pierce: work for year
 Eric Poore: work for year then college
 Ali Poulin: UVM
 Cheryl Poulin: UNH
 Stacey Preston: work for year then college
 Diane Raynes: UNH
 Rob Reeves: U. of Tampa
 Steve Riddell: NYU
 Chris Rowe: UNH
 Jessica Roy: UNH
 Julie Roy: UNH
 Stacey Samuels: U. Penn
 Joel Schettini: UNH
 Lynn Schow: Johns Hopkins
 Laura Scott: Keene St.
 Jenny Silverwood: work
 Derek Smith: Villanova
 Brendan Stefanski: work and travel
 Jenn Stevens: Cornell
 Dan Stewart: UNH
 Stephannie Stewart: Martin Parsons
 Matt Stumhofer: Thompson at UNH
 Jenny Sturgeon: Yale
 Michelle Sturton: working, then college
 Dave Sundberg: UNH
 Penny Swift: Bates
 Brook Taube: Harvard
 Seth Taube: Harvard
 Heather Traut: work
 Amanda Turner: UVM
 Michelle Twombly: UNH part time and work
 Andrea Viccaro: UNH
 Chris Webb: UNH
 Tawny Weeks: Keene State
 Suzie Weiner: UNH
 Jay West: Rensselaer
 Greg Williams: UNH
 Joe Williams: PG Berwick Academy
 Rain Williams: Syracuse
 Alison Winston: Plymouth
 Ian Young: NYU



SCHOLASTIC SOCIETY

HONOR

The following seniors have achieved a 3.5 or higher grade point average based upon 6 semesters:

Alyssa Campbell
Yesim Celikkol
Steve Fuller
Sylvia Herr
Eleni Lyras
Richard Martin
Melanie Morrell
Laura Mussulman
Diane Raynes
Julie Roy
Lynn Schow
Derek Smith
Jennifer Stevens
Jenny Sturgeon
Penny Swift
Brook Taube
Seth Taube

The following seniors have achieved a 3.0 or higher grade point average based on 7 semesters:

Dave Adams
David Bergeron
Lisa Bergeron
Chad Bradbury
Todd Bragdon
Eric Carkner
Jeff Carlson
Nancy Carlson
Evan Christenson
Marc Davis
John Diller
Amy Eckert
Mark Ensign
Sandy Farrell
Peter Fitzgerald
Adam Ginsburg
Brian Grondin
Mark Gwinn
Dan Hornbeck
Michele Jenkins
Patrik Jonsson
John Libby
Tony Paine
Alison Poulin
Cheryl Poulin
Stacey Samuels
Daniel Stewart
Heather Traut
Andrea Viccaro
Tawny Weeks
Jay West
Greg Williams

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"I enjoyed it, but it goes by quickly, so make sure you do everything you want to--make time for what's important."
-Penny Swift

On Graduation:

"Four years are long enough for me."
-Greg Williams

"I can't wait."
-Chris Taylor

"It's a wonderful, yet scary experience."
-Dave Sundberg

"I'm really happy to go, but it's a little bit scary, a little sad. It's like closing a book and opening another. This is where I learned about life, and life is hard. I feel whole now. Leaving will be more, but I've got my core-solid."
-Heather Traut

"I've had a great four years, but I'm glad to be moving on."
-Kelli Bishop

"I want to go on, but I'm scared to."
-Elyane Davis

"Vaya con dios, my darlings."
-Jenn Stevens

"See you later!"
-Chris Webb

"Four years in this building is way to long! How can anybody go on the 5, 6, or 7 year plan?"
-Debbie Metger

"I am glad to be leaving, but I am also scared because I don't know what will happen



Pat Jonsson (left) with Journalism class meets with Governor John Sununu in Dec. come September."
-Derek Marich

"I am very glad to get out of here. Four years in this building is more than long enough--no more teachers, no more rules, and regulations."
-David Lapierre

"It's been a good experience, but it's time to change scenes. I'm looking forward to college."
-Eleni Lyras

FOCUS
by Chris Webb

There are four seniors graduating from focus this year, which is higher than the last few years. They are Budd Lapham, Cheryl Poulin, Laura Scott, and Tom Munroe.

Focus is two classes taught by Jay Simmons and Lou Mroz. First period is focus discussion which is used to talk about problems, be supportive and give advice. Second period is focus

english, where you can take any english taught normally by Jay.

"Focus has helped me not to procrastinate because everyone is in groups and if you don't do your work it becomes an issue with the group. It really helps me get motivated, and I get good advice if I'm struggling in other classes," said Budd Lapham.

DOVER

by Chris Webb

Ten seniors graduating this year have taken classes at the Dover Vacation Program. Robert Lee, Brendan Stefanski, Marcus Everngam, Stefanie Stewart, Stacey Preston, Karen Comeau, Mike Moriarty, Julie Ham, Mark Kustra, and Michelle Jenkins

Robert Lee is in his second year of Food Trades. "I've really enjoyed the experience of learning how to cook, I work at

Barnacle Billy's in Ogunquit in the summer and that's a good experience."

Brendon and Marcus have just helped complete a house in Dover that is up for sale. "It's great that I was able to learn a trade and develop a skill in building and construction."

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1. Kit Peirce 2. Heather Gleason 3. Cindy Munroe 4. Michelle Hanley 5. Michelle Jenkins 6. Sandy Farrell 7. Michelle Sturton 8. Nancy Carlson 9. Jenn Stevens 10. Elizabeth Healy 11. Kristi Cowern 12. Diana Hartley 13. Pat Duffey 14. Dave Bergeron 15. Rain Williams 16. Laura Mussulman 17. Tawny Weeks 18. Dave Hancock 19. Bruce Hardy 20. Mel Morrell 21. Eleni Lyras 22. Jennifer Sturgeon 23. Dave Christensen

SENIOR BANQUET

by Diana Hartley

The Annual Senior Banquet will be held at the New England Center on June 8. For a cost of \$9.00 per person, seniors can enjoy their choice of buffet and dancing to the Now Sound Express. Appropriate dress for the men will be suit and ties and for the women, dresses or skirts. Tentatively set for 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m., Senior class advisor Mrs. Smith said, "It's the last event strictly for seniors, I'd like to encourage them all to attend, it's a great experience."

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is waiting...

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work out...

Your dreams come
true.



CONGRATULATIONS OYSTER RIVER GRADUATES!
FROM THE "UPPERCUT"

"I'm a stickler for details!" says new general manager Maurice Scapegoat



by Kris Dugas

All the articles were turned in as of May 24, and the fate of the Mouth of The River then shifted into the hands of our new general manager, Maurice Scapegoat. We are proud to be able to announce that we owe the excellence of this final product to his very own expertise.

Maurice was an involuntary transfer from the Farmington Academy of the Impaired, where he majored in papercutting, and minored in advanced paper-pasting. In 1984 he received his certificate of attendance, and was then dismissed from the campus. From there he transferred to the Tennessee Institute of non-standard English, where all but 3 percent of the graduates are involuntary transfers, just like Maurice.

Maurice graduated somewhat near the top of his class and was named by his classmates "most likely to create chaos out of just about anything."

"I'm not quite sure why they named me 'most likely to create chaos', I don't find myself to be chaotic," said Maurice. "Usually that title goes to a graduate who has absolutely no direction

and not a person like me. I should have been named 'most likely to be famous, or most likely to succeed,'" Maurice stated.

Maurice began his career by writing, editing, and distributing his very own one sheet newsletter, known as 'Maurice's Messages'. After 100 percent distribution of the first issue in his circulating area, Maurice was enthused. However, the very next day Maurice was arrested on 29 counts of breaking and entering and fined \$2,000.

"I was only distributing my newsletter, my readers deserve better than door to door service, I put each copy right on their kitchen tables. So I had to jimmy a few locks, I was only doing my job!" said Maurice at an NBC news press conference.

According to Dixville Notch Police, Scapegoat waited until 9:00 mass, when he illegally entered resident's houses to distribute the newsletter.

As general manager of out publication, Maurice has many responsibilities. To begin, he proofs all articles and does all final typing, adapting

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Mikako Fujisawa is a thirteen year old Japanese girl who would be overjoyed to have an American pen-pal.

If you are interested in becoming Mikako's pen-pal,

Contact Alex Brink for

the address.

Note: You need not know Japanese, Mikako has been learning English for five years and feel free to use any modern terms.

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to be done. For example, checking for avalanche possibilities, checking the weather, and the ski runs.

"I like to start my day by hiking and skiing the left gully because of its early morning challenge," said Blakemore. This famous "left gully" Blakemore speaks of is well known for its chute like appearance and top to bottom moguls, better known as

one of the more difficult runs of the ravine. Other well known parts of the headwall include; "The Chute", "Upper Snowfields", "Alpine Gardens", "Hillman's Highway", "The Right Gully", and "The Dodges".

"On an average weekend, Saturday or Sunday, approximately 2,000 people will climb the mountain," said Walsh. The majority of the climbers will ar-

Overnight biology trip FROM MUDWALKS TO MARSHES

by Bruce Hardy

Twenty-two Oyster River High School students recently returned from an overnight biology trip to Ram Island in Gloucester Massachusetts. The purpose of this trip under the direction of biology teacher Bob Byrnes was "to study marine biology in a natural habitat" and "to make it possible for students to see each other from a new perspective, free of the typical school environment."

One activity the students participated in on the trip was rowing dory's (old time fishing vessels which are about 20 feet long) about 8 nautical miles from Ram Island to various other areas of the Gloucester Salt Marsh. The students also conducted many small experiments concerning the marine salt marsh habitat, participated in a mudwalk, and even found time to

do a little bird watch-

ing. "The purpose of a mud walk," said Mr. Byrnes, "is to get right into the marsh and investigate what holds the marsh ecosystem together." "The marsh is the basis for all Ocean life. It is the spawning ground of much ocean life, and even serves to purify the water." Mr. Byrnes added that the mud walk did add a deeper purpose to the trip saying, "It is my hope that people recognize and respect the value of a salt marsh for its beauty and value, and then pass the knowledge on to others."

Some students who participated in the trip expressed some concern about the attendance policy keeping students from attending the trip. Shawn Amazeen said, Teachers were good about signing my permission slip but others in attendance policy trouble had a harder time."

ORHS students making the trip were Tara Truelson, Carl Harter, Jim Poteet, Robert Wills, Karen Tagliaferro, Charlie Adkins, Rod Silverwood, Leila Marshall, Jennifer White, Thomas Willey, Jason Wall, Missy Tappan, Julie Bullard, Jeremy Nobrega, Jessica Winston, Leslie Christenson, Maureen Fleming, Dianna Comtois, Kevin Mackenzie, Dave Vander Voet, Seth Hilliker, and Kerry Swift.

Jeremy Nobrega said about the bio trip, "It was great, I had fun and got to know a few people I wouldn't have met just in the classroom." Kerry Swift added to the idea of the trip being fun saying, "I like marine biology a lot and the trip was just what was needed to see the fun side of the field, that side which can only be seen outside of class."

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government is now allowing some small free enterprise in agriculture, industry, markets, and in general. This process that China is going through is much like its neighbors' Russia's "Glasnost".

From the late 40's through the 70's, China's leader, Mao Tse Tung, stripped the universities and businesses of the educated people, in order to create a pure society containing no elite members.

This occurred throughout the 1960's and is most commonly phrased as "The Cultural Revolution."

The Chinese government today is not so much like the government of the 60's and 70's, but not yet close to the democracy of the United States. Helen

Tang said, "You can pretty much call a Senator, or go to see the State House, maybe talk with the Governor. You cannot do that in China. Its just so different!"

Helen also said that main China has no contact with the island of Taiwan, "You cannot write letters, fly there, or visit, or communicate with Taiwan. China and Taiwan are extremely isolated within themselves," said Helen.

China today is opening up again, and once again stresses education. Although no walls exist to keep the people of China in or out, Helen feels fortunate to have had the opportunity to come to the United States.

Helen is taking English Essentials, French, Algebra II

Trigonometry, Advanced Pascal, Biology, and Gym. Helen enjoys mostly, working with computers, but is not sure of her future plans.

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SPORTS



BOYS' TENNIS TEAM FALLS SHORT IN PLAYOFFS

by Patrick Duffey

The boys' tennis team dropped a close match to Stevens High School by a score of 5-4 in the opening round of the playoffs. This hard-fought loss brought to an end a successful season of 13 wins and two losses for the Bobcats.

"We played hard, but they got more good bounces. That was the difference. They played more consistently, and the luck began to go their way," commented Senior Mark Gwinn.

The match opened with the Bobcats winning three of the six singles' matches. Freshmen Craig Gwinn, and Alex Collins, and Senior Mark Gwinn won close contests for the Bobcats. However, only the team of Rich Matusow and Ian Young could pull off a doubles' victory, as the Bobcats' effort fell short.

The Bobcats reached the playoffs with a strong finish. Dover High School led the seacoast division with a record of 14 wins and 1 loss. However, Dover's one loss came at hands of the Bobcats to the tune of 6-3.

Six members of the squad are still involved in the individual state tournament. Mark and Craig Gwinn,

the 4th and 6th seeds respectively, survived the seacoast area tournament and will play in the singles bracket. The other four players who have advanced in the doubles tournament are the number one tandem of Rich Matusow and Ian Young, and the number two team of Chris Webb and Alex Collins. They will travel to Exeter to compete against players from all over the state.

According to coach Russ Hornbeck the Bobcats were deeper this season than most teams in the state. "Our top six were really tough, but a lot of the guys who weren't in those positions could have been. They constantly pushed them (the top six) to be better," commented Hornbeck.

Several players agreed with their mentor. Sixth seed Craig Gwinn stated, "We were much better because of our depth. The competition within the team has helped everyone."

When next season opens the team will be hurt by graduation, but still will be deep.

Graduating this spring are the number two, four, and five seeds, Ian Young, Mark Gwinn, and Chris Webb.

However with three of the top six seeds returning, and many other capable players waiting in the wings, the Bobcats will again be tough competition.



O. R. Track standout Lisa Barney

Girl's Track Finishes 2nd

by Charlie Hogarty

Ali Poulin took first place in the high jump, the 200 meter dash and the 100 meter hurdles pacing the Lady Bobcats to a 2nd place finish at the Class I state championships this past weekend.

Poulin set a school record in the 100 meter hurdles by crossing the finish line in 14.9 seconds. Her time shattered the old record by eight tenths of a second, and fell a tenth of a second short of the state record.

Also placing for the Bobcats, with strong performances, of their own were Lisa Barney and Janet Moore. Barney took first place finishes in the long jump and triple jump as well as second place in the high jump, while

Moore also had a first place finish in the 300 meter hurdles.

Poulin, Barney, Moore and Jen Thompson, who took third place in the two mile run, all qualified for the state championship meet on June 4th, which will be held at Spaulding High School.

On the boys side of things, Mark Haggerty was the lone qualifier for this weekends state championship meet, as he finished third in the two mile run. Mike Holmes and Sean Perry also placed for the boys track team, finishing 6th in the one mile run and long jump respectively.

The boys team didn't fare quite as well as the girls team, as they finished in 7th place for the Class I meet.



Boys Tennis Team members (back row, l-r), Jesse Fields, Jeremy Ward, Mark Gwinn, Craig Gwinn, Pete Cannonico, Alex Collins. (front row, l-r), Greg Cown, Ben Simpson, Adam Ginsburg, Dave Elwell.

Baseball

Bobcats Fall Short in Playoff

by Kristi Cowern

On Wednesday Night, June first, the Oyster River Bobcats Boys Baseball Team faced defeat against the 9th ranked Plymouth team in the preliminary rounds of the NHIAA Baseball tournament. It was a 7 inning game which winded down to a 4-0 loss for Bobcats.

Plymouth came out strong and grabbed any mistake the Bobcats made. They scored their first run in the first inning while the Bobcat's pitcher Ray Goodman walked 3 players.

According to Junior Bobcat first baseman Fred Luciano,

"after the first inning the hole game was back and forth until the end. We never caught up. We were two evenly matched teams but they were just more aggressive in bunting and stealing."

"The Bobcats saw a chance to, even up the score to 1-1 when sophomore Scott Goodman hit a double in the 6th inning. They're hopes were soon shut out when Goodman's following player hit a grounded out to put Plymouth back up to bat," continued Luciano.

Senior Todd Bragdon feels the blame could be attributed to their batting ability. "We didn't bat well and

when we did hit it went right to someone. We didn't get any brakes and there were no key hits."

Second string pitcher Brad Poulin attributed some of the batting problems to Plymouth's two pitchers. "They're first pitcher was in just long enough for us to start to figure him out, and they put in their second pitcher. He just shut the door to any chances. They were both real good pitchers."

The Bobcats had a great season with a final record of 11-8. They have much to look forward to with many players returning.

Softball Struggles With Rebuilding Season

by Kit Pierce

Oyster River softball, coached by Rev. Roy Swanson and led by captains Kris Dugas and Nancy Carlson, is not having one of it's better years, with a record of 4 wins and 12 losses.

According to teammate Becky Heath, the team has a lot of individual talent and strength, but when it hits the field it just doesn't come together. "The team is always psyched up before a game, but once we slip behind it's hard not to get down. If one person slumps, then the whole team usually follows," said Heath.

The team often has

what they refer to as an infamous fourth inning slump. "We always seem to lose it in the fourth, I don't know why," said power-hitter Jenn White. According to Kris Dugas the team may not be winning games yet, but they are definitely improving with experience. The whole team is coming together.

The last two games of the season against Mt. Saint Mary's were won by forfeit when the opponent never showed up.

The team is looking forward to a positive next year and hopes for a winning season.

David Sundberg

New Philosophy through karate

by Evan Christenson

Did you see the flying white-haired demon, Commander Matthew Perry in Pacific Overtures? The man who dazzled you with those flying kicks and spinning chops was David Sundberg, and he knew what he was doing.

Sundberg has been taking Che-Lu karate for only 2 years, yet he placed 5th in the National Competition for karate at the 17 and under age group.

"Well, this year, I'm moving up to 18-21 years (the oldest age group)... It is going to be a difficult adjustment, but I think I've grown a lot. My form is a lot better and everything I do is becoming more natural. A lot of my movement are just reaction and spontaneous," said Sundberg. "I want it to become a part of me." Dave has already taken on many traits of eastern society. Through his karate Dave is seeing a new world. "The whole philosophy of the east is different. Since I have started taking these classes I am seeing both people and things differently."

Everything in karate is defined, this parallel's eastern society. "Class is very organized, for example you must bow before the teacher and



Senior Dave Sundberg

anyone of higher rank anytime you pass them."

Dave has quickly ascended the ranks going from a white belt, to yellow, then green, purple, and finally brown. Although Dave has only been active in Che-Lu for 2 years it is likely he will receive his black belt within the next year when he attends U.N.H.

In the immediate future however Dave is looking forward to the New England Championships. If Dave fares as well here as he did last year, he will go on to the Nationals at Richmond, Virginia. If everything goes right and Dave stays with his karate through college he could possibly have the chance to go on to the Junior Olympics or even the 1992 Olympics.

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each article to his highest standards, and avoiding any typographical errors. As for photographs, he is in charge of using his imagination to create most interesting captions. Maurice will check each article for accuracy, checking up on quotes, names, and dates...checking up that is from his keen memory. Using his 30/200 vision, he focus' the pictures and aligns the items on the layout sheets in precise perfection making sure everything is level, boxes are per-

pendicular, and nothing is crooked.

"None of us has ever really seen him work, but we have caught glimpses of his unique filing system," said MOR photographer Kit Pierce.

"I'd rather not give away my tricks of the trade; but I have a system where everything is at upmost organization, and any interference could send me into absolute chaos. My favorite saying is 'trust me, I know exactly what I'm doing'," said Maurice.

Pitchers

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Kings of the Hill

by Charles Hogarty

Coaches, players and fans alike all seem to agree that America's favorite past time baseball, is a pitcher's sport. Although nine fielders take to the grassy field each and every inning of the game, it is the pitcher alone who controls the outcome of a game. Like a ship's captain, he steers and guides his team to their final destination, what ever that may be.

As our own Bobcats headed into Timberlane earlier this season, Ray Goodman's pitching performance, was the evident reason why the Bobcats won the close battle with the Owls 3-0. "Every game we've played this year we've had a chance to win, because Ray has kept us in the game every time," commented head coach Don Maynard.

Even though the pitcher controls the game, he needs defensive help from the rest of his players. Because our infield was kicking around the ball that game, we lost a game we could have easily won."

As most people know, Ray Goodman is indeed the big gun of our High School's baseball team this year. Coach Maynard and the rest of the team always look to Ray when there's a big game coming up on the schedule.

"Baseball is definitely a pitcher's game," explained Ray, "Especially when you get to the higher levels or leagues of the game. Just look at Roger Clemens. Every time he takes the mound for his team, it's almost a guaranteed

win. When the other team can't get any hits, then they definitely aren't going to score any runs. If you don't score a run, then your not going to win the game either."

Along with Ray, Dave Goodman and Brad Poulin are the core of the Bobcat's pitching staff this year. Mike Farrell and Jeff Barbour aren't to be left out either as from time to time, Maynard looks to them to do the job.

Whether it's a fastball or a curve ball, a pitcher's single selection of what pitch he should throw, can decide whether his team wins or loses a game. A pitcher alone carries more responsibility than any of his teammates, and in turn, is referred to as "the king of the hill," said Dave Goodman.



Catchers

The pitchers and catchers of Oyster River

The blue collar player

by Rich Harris

Twilight. Encompassing a field on which athletes play a child's game appearing as willowing shadows, it highlights some performers, miring others. Standing poised on a hill, brilliant, tall, and strong stands the pitcher. The pitcher begins every play and is the focus of attention. Crouched, slotted in the mud behind the plate, quivering under a bulk of protective gear remains the catcher. The catcher, in the pitcher's shadow, is on the receiving end of each pitch.

"People don't seem to notice the catcher unless they make a mistake," said Lee Rimbach, O.R. softball catcher. "When your catching you don't really want the spotlight on you, it seems to be negative."

Catching for the Bobcats softball team this year are Juli Bullard, Lee Rimbach, and Brenda Worden. Worden, earlier this year, broke a finger while catching, but is now again behind the plate.

"It's a rough position," said Worden, "more so than people know."

"A lot is dependant on them," said pitcher, Tara Truelson. "It's the catchers responsibility to stop a bad pitch from going to the backstop and keep it in front of them."

The two catchers who have been keeping the ball in front for O.R.'s baseball team this spring are Todd Bragdon and Darrell Briggs.

"Todd does a great job behind the plate, he stops everything he can," said Ray Goodman,

Bobcat hurler. "He's strong at setting up batters and catching pitches."

Bragdon has been the Bobcats starting catcher this year. "One of the biggest things concerning catching is the stress it can put on a persons knees," said Bragdon.

"Even if I had someone who could hit better, I would play Todd," said Coach Don Maynard. "He handles a staff and calls pitches very well."

"The catcher is the only player who sees the whole field," adds Maynard, "I've thought they've been looked up to for that."

Granted there is a general agreement that catchers are among the most important players on the field, it still remains to be seen if they receive the accolades they deserve.



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O.R. Athletes Honored

by Evan Christenson and Pat Duffey

At the annual Sports Awards night senior Ali Poulin took home the American Legion Athlete of the Year Award, as being recognized as the top athlete at Oyster River in 1988. Other senior award winners were Joe Williams, Mark Gwinn, Elizabeth Healy, Dave Criswell, Derek Smith, John Freiermuth, and Jenn Stevens.

Top award winners were Elizabeth Healy and Mark Gwinn, each getting three awards.

Healy was recognized as the outstanding girls soccer player in the championship game.

She also received the "First Team" Award in Girls soccer. This award goes to the girls senior soccer player who demonstrates all the qualities of a winning attitude. Elizabeth along with Mark Gwinn, won the U.S. Army Most Valuable senior soccer player.

Senior Mark Gwinn also received the Dayton "Doc" Henson soccer award as the player who gave the most to his team. Along with Jenn Stevens, Mark Gwinn also won the award as the Army Reserve Student Athlete of the year.

Winning the Allen Gangwer Hockey award for best defensive player was Senior Joe Williams.

Scholarships were given to Derek Smith and Dave Criswell for

their efforts in basketball and soccer respectively. Smith received the Michael W. Kinzly scholarship as the boys basketball player who had the best attitude. Criswell won the Gregory Sawyer scholarship as an outstanding soccer player.

Recognized for four outstanding years of high school sports Ali Poulin won All-American honors in track, while John Freiermuth won one in basketball.

Other students receiving awards from their coaches were Chris Anderson, Chris Russel, Matt Shore, Lance Waterfield, Mark Gwinn, Pat Casey, Laura Musselman, Karen Tagliaferro, Elise Emory-Adams, Caroline Parent, Chrissy Curran, Jenny Sturgeon, Matt Fitzgerald, Dave Schommer, Sara Berndston, Lauren Reale, Alison Poulin, Jenn Stevens, Amy Martin, Melissa Geeslin, Dave Mangene, Peter Fitzgerald, Marc Davis, Stephanie Chasteen, Roth Townsend, Mike Williams, Jeff Carlson, Eric Carkner, Jason Seaver, Kimberly Morrel, Jenna Dufour, Janet Moore, David Madson, Kevin Myslivy, Scott Goodman, Keith Elwell, John Larkin Freiermuth, Tara Truelson, Bethany Blessing, Rich Matusow, Jennifer Judge, Jeff Dowst, Scott Matseas, Raymond Goodman, Mike Farrell, Jen White, Mark Haggerty, Sean Perry, Lisa Barney, and Jen Jenkins.

Sports scholarships

A free ride has its price

by Pat Duffey

Sport's scholarships given to student-athletes by colleges across the country have often been referred to as free rides. However, those select athletes who have worked long and hard to earn those scholarships would be more than willing to tell you just how costly the free ride is.

Three members of the class of 1988 will soon join that elite group of experts on the subject.

When the term "scholarship-athlete" is mentioned, the old stereotype automatically comes to mind. People envision a tall, muscular, bronze god or goddess who would have difficulty reading their own name in the headlines across the top of the sports page.



"Finding time for both sports will be difficult, but it can be done. I'm looking forward to the challenge," said Poulin.

With a healthy knee, Rena Danko will again be a top flight gymnast next year. "It will be a long struggle to get back in shape, but I'm going to try," commented Danko. At least that is what the University of Bridgeport will be counting on.

St. Anselm's College has a rich basketball tradition. John Freiermuth will attempt

to continue that over the next four years, as he attends the small catholic school in Manchester. "I hope I can contribute to the team's success and get a good education at the same time," stated Freiermuth.

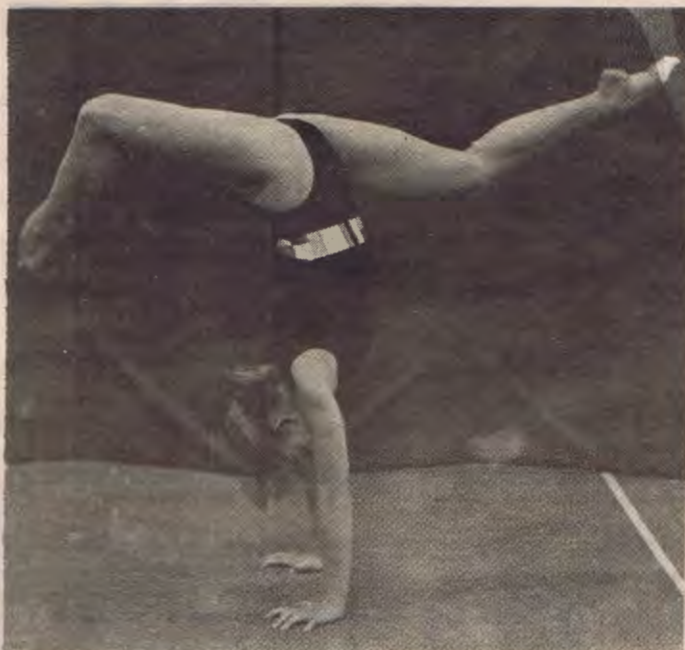
As they venture into college athletics, they will be faced with tough competition. However, the sports will just be the tip of the iceberg. Balancing their time between athletics and academics will put them to their toughest test yet.



However, many colleges are struggling to change this image. The three coming out of Oyster River certainly won't hurt this effort. Having achieved good academic records in high school, they should help raise the status of scholarship-athletes.

Those three are: Rena Danko, John Freiermuth, and Ali Poulin. They will receive financial help of various amounts which will be used to pay for room, board, tuition, and other fees. In return, they will be expected to maintain a high academic level and improve upon their athletic skills.

Topping the list, with a double scholarship, is Ali Poulin. The four year volleyball and track standout will attend the University of Vermont where she'll continue both sports.



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Girls Tennis

Title Defense Next To Impossible

by Pat Duffey

Defending a state championship is a difficult task in any sport. Other teams seem to take aim at the top team, making every match intense. Add to this the loss of many

top players, and you have a tough situation for any team to handle. A relatively inexperienced girls' tennis team met both of these obstacles, finishing with six wins and ten losses.

Entering the season the Bobcats could see what they were up against. "We were confident, but we realized that there would be a lot of close matches," said Jen Stevens.

After several hard-fought matches, the team saw just how difficult the task was.

Leading the effort was senior Jen Judge, the only returning player from last year's top six. Gaining experience this year were juniors Beth Shapiro, Julie Pelton; sophomore Laura Magidson; senior Jen Stevens; and freshman Marnie Hylton.

Although the Bobcats didn't make the playoffs, they improved over the season. "We got better as the season progressed. Our matches were much closer than our record showed," said Julie Pelton.



Beth Shapiro, Girls Tennis